



**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13**

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020-50 OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

- WHEREAS,** South Carolina Code of Laws Section 5-7-250 (d) authorizes the adoption of emergency ordinances with immediate effectiveness, and
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina ("State") issued Executive Order No. 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State;
- WHEREAS,** Executive Order 2020-21 includes the grant of authority to political subdivisions to enforce said Order and any prior or future Orders and to do whatever may be deemed necessary to maintain peace and good order during the State of Emergency;
- WHEREAS,** the City Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-13, Emergency and Disaster Planning and Response, authorizing the Mayor to declare a State of Emergency in the City of Orangeburg;
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor by Proclamation dated April 8, 2020 declared a State of Emergency in the City of Orangeburg to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens;
- WHEREAS,** the circumstances and conditions of April 8, 2020 still exist and City Council deems it necessary to adopt additional measures to prevent the spread of the virus;
- WHEREAS,** by Executive Order No. 2020-50 the Governor authorized, ordered and directed law enforcement officers of the State and any political subdivision thereof to prohibit or disburse any congregation or gathering of people, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three (3) or more people, if any such law enforcement official determines, in their discretion, that any such congregation or gathering of people poses, or could pose, a threat to public health;
- WHEREAS,** because of the existing State of Emergency City Council wishes to supplement said Executive Order No. 2020-50 of the Governor by providing civil infractions and fines for a violation of said Order and provide guidelines for the City's law enforcement officers in enforcing said Order;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by City Council duly assembled this 6th day of October 2020 that the Executive Order No. 2020-50 of the Governor of the State of South Carolina is supplemented as follows:

Definition: For purposes of this Ordinance, a "Gathering" shall be defined as a planned or spontaneous indoor or outdoor event that involves or is reasonably expected to involve a large number of people physically present, congregating together, or otherwise simultaneously in attendance at a single indoor or outdoor location, public or private, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following: festivals, parades, concerts, theaters, stadiums, arenas, coliseums, auditoriums, grandstands, event venues, dance halls, concert halls, amphitheaters, gymnasiums, chambers, assemblies, nightclubs, performing arts centers, parks, racetracks, parties (including outside parties at private

